From: To: A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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In response to invitation to submit responses per attached Dept of Transport letter of 24th February wrt. A303 Stonehenge revised application, I cite the following **OBJECTIONS:**

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->National Highways has not acknowledged that the Secretary of State findings that the rejected Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->National Highways has not made any changes to the rejected Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->National Highways has not fully evaluated alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site, for example the lower cost option of a southern bypass route or a longer tunnel.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->National Highways has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site - e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improving access to the South West.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->National Highways has not updated the scheme construction costs.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->National Highways has not updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Also, since the Examination closed, concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would do. Also the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery. These must be heeded IN LAW.

Regards,

